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1. OUR INITIAL ANALYSIS OF LICENSE BY RADIO PROCEDURE
CONTEMPLATED BY AMERICAN TUNABOAT ASSOCIATION (ATA) IS THAT
IT PROBABLY WON'T WORK - AT LEAST NOT EFFECTIVELY ENOUGH.
ONE PROBLEM IS WIRING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN BANK BRANCHES
IN DIFFERENT TIME ZONES. ANOTHER IS THE PRESENCE OF THE
AGENT IN MANTA, NOT GUAYAQUIL WHERE AS OF NOW LICENSES BY
RADIO CAN ONLY BE AUTHORIZED. THE AGENT WOULD PRESUMABLY
HAVE TO COME TO GUAYAQUIL (THREE HOUR TRIP) PICK UP THE
CHECK FROM THE LOCAL BANKAMERICA BRANCH AND MAKE THE
NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS ONCE HE WAS THERE. THE SECURING OF A
LICENSE UNDER THIS PROCEDURE COULD TAKE THREE OR FOUR DAYS UNDER
NORMAL CONDITIONS AND MORE IF A WEEKEND INTERVENED.

2. ALTHOUGH WE CAN APPRECIATE THE ATA MEMBERS'
RELUCTANCE TO TIE UP MONEY IN A BANKAMERICA
ACCOUNT (EVEN THOUGH IT WOULD BE INTEREST BEARING),
WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY ATA WISHES TO HIRE AGENT IN
MANTA, NOT GUAYAQUIL. HOWEVER, ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE
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FEATURES OF PROCEDURE NEGOTIATED LAST YEAR WITH GOE
WAS ABILITY TO ELIMINATE CASH TRANSACTIONS AND AN
ESTIMATED FULL DAY OF RED-TAPE BY ALLOWING CONGEN
GUAYAQUIL TO IMMEDIATELY GUARANTEE PAYMENT OF FEE TO
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF FISHING ON THE BASIS OF LIST OF
BOATS COVERED PROVIDED BY BANKAMERICA. EVEN IF AGENT
WERE IN GUAYAQUIL, BANK WOULD HAVE TO CERTIFY TO CONGEN

ON AN INDIVIDUAL
BASIS, WHICH COULD BE ADDITIONALLY
TIME CONSUMING. UNLESS ATA CHOOSES TO ENTER ARRANGE-
MENT DESIGNED TO HEW AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE TO PROCEDURE
WE NEGOTIATED REPORTED IN QUITO 687/77, WE DOUBT
THAT LICENSING BY RADIO PROCEDURE WILL BE VERY BENEFICIAL.

3. THE ABOVE ANALYSIS IS PREDICATED THE ASSUMPTION
THAT THE ATA AND SWARTZ HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED
THESE PROBLEMS AND OVERCOME THEM. IT IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE
THAT SWARTZ MIGHT HAVE WORKED OUT SOME SORT OF ARRANGE-
MENT WITH DIRGEN FISHING IN GUAYAQUIL OR MANTA. HOWEVER,
OFFICIALS THERE DID NOT MENTION ANY APPROACHES OF THIS
NATURE WHEN POLCOUNSELOR DISCUSSED MATTER WITH THEM
LAST WEEK.

4. ALTHOUGH WE ASSUME THAT CONGEN BISHTON WILL COME TO
SAME CONCLUSION WHEN HE HEARS OF SCHEME WHILE IN SAN
DIEGO, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE USEFUL FOR DEPT. TO ATTEMPT
TO CONTACT HIM IN SAN DIEGO AND CONVEY OUR ANALYSIS.
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